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# Season's Greetings

**C**harity and love of fellowman,
**H**elpfulness to others is His creed,
**R**ight will always triumph by His plan,
**I**n His name we fight to conquer greed.
**S**o today, and every day on earth,
**T**aking all His teachings as our guide,
**M**ake our deeds the measure of our worth,
**A**nd His flag, with freedom's side by side,
**S**hall endure, and men in peace abide.—L.S.S.

TO EMPLOYEES OF UNITED STATES SMELTING
REFINING AND MINING COMPANY
AND UNITED STATES FUEL COMPANY

*There is deep within me the faith that all mankind desires more than anything else to live at peace, one with the other, and if that is so then "Peace on Earth" will ultimately be achieved. I believe you too hold that faith and in it lies the only hope for a better world and a brighter day.*

*In the spirit of that faith, in behalf of the officers of the Company and myself personally, I extend my best wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those who have loved ones away from home we join with you in your hope and prayers for their safe return. To those to whom the Korean War has brought sorrow, we extend our deepest sympathy.*

*Sincerely,*

W. C. Page

## SEASON'S GREETINGS - - -

December 20, 1950

To Our Employees:

Throughout its history our country has met and overcome a number of serious crises. It is now confronted with what might well be the most serious of them all. The best assurance of survival of our way of life and institutions lies in our selection of capable leaders and in the resolute unyielding determination that we will do our part to restore Peace and Good Will among men of all nations.

I extend to you my Best Wishes for a joyful Holiday Season and join with you in the hope that the New Year will bring with it a new promise of peace and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

President

# Safety - in the Bag

Now that Santa Claus with his big sack of nice things is preparing to do the impossible with your chimney and mine, let's review the prospects.

Safety and Santa Claus — there's a combination of ideas that's really a teaser!

It would be a dirty trick, for instance, to blame Ol' St. Nick for the Christmas tree fires that wipe out families at this time of the year. If we haven't sense enough to be sensible on this occasion, let's put the responsibility on ourselves, where it belongs.

On the other hand, Santa Claus' bag does have in it, in every kid's toy and every bottle of perfume, the very spirit of safety — happiness and thoughtfulness and regard for others.

When we make a gift, we make it with the idea that it may make life a little more fun, a bit more worth living, for the person who gets it. Christmas giving, in other words, is *adding* to the sum total of human happiness.

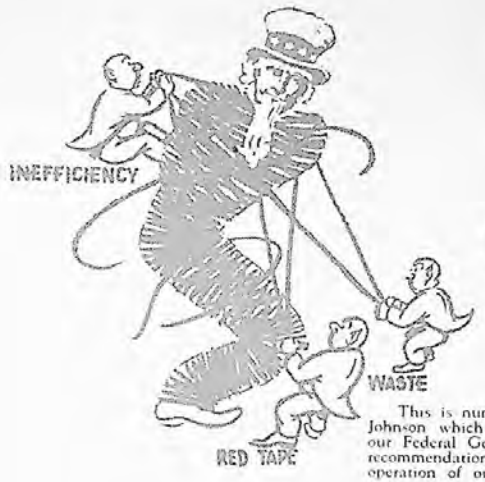
Safety, whether you engineer it in the plant or practice it in the home, is exactly the same thing.

That may sound sentimental to you—even a bit sticky—but if you don't believe it, just tell me what you're planning to do this Christmas.

Yes, you'll be giving all you can, and loving it — just like the rest of us.

*Industrial Supervisor*
*National Safety Council*






# IT'S YOUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By R. L. JOHNSON

This is number two in a second series of articles by Mr. Johnson which will point up the need of reorganization in our Federal Government and what the Hoover Commission's recommendations will do to improve the efficiency in the operation of our governmental agencies, if enacted into law.

## COSTLY RIVALRY

If you have followed the weird doings of our national government, as disclosed by the bipartisan Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, you must by this time have built up a resistance to shock. You may think, that after that nothing can surprise you.

But I venture to say that you will be astonished by the $52 billion contest that is going on between the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the building of dams and other public works with practically no check or hindrance by any authority, and sometimes in defiance of the wishes of the President of the United States. And unless Congress, when the Reorganization bills on Natural Resources come before it this session, does something about this situation, the American people will actually pay, in all, $52 billions for water development.

These two agencies, assisted by powerful lobbies, have reached a point where they can bypass the President and go directly to Congress for appropriations and authority to construct vastly expensive projects, some of which are opposed by the experts and people of the areas concerned. They are intensely jealous of each other and often compete in their work to the detriment of the project. Such a competition occurred in the Missouri Basin development. Here the Engineers were dredging a channel, of doubtful value to navigation, in the bed of the river. Meanwhile, upstream, Reclamation was building a dam for irrigation purposes which would hold back needed water for the ship channel.

Public clamor over this situation forced these two agencies together, for once, and they are now cooperating on this project, known as the "Pick-Sloan Plan." It may eventually cost the nation $6 billions and the Hoover Commission says that it still will not serve the valley adequately because it is a patchwork, non-integrated program.

There have been many examples of unnecessary projects forced upon communities by the Corps of Engineers. In the task force reports of

the Commission it was brought out that neither the Engineer Corps or Reclamation are careful in obtaining sufficient hydrologistic data in advance of their operations. The result is that their estimates of costs are often 25 percent inaccurate. There are many other examples of ineffectiveness by both agencies.

The Bureau of Reclamation of the Interior Department began an ambitious project to drill 13 miles through the Rocky Mountains and to supply farmers on the eastern slope with water pumped from the Colorado River on the west. It made contracts with farmers for this supply. The Bureau estimated the cost at $44 milloins. So far, $68 millions has been spent and the Bureau has fixed a new probable cost of $144,581,000. But now, with the work in progress, the Bureau has discovered that the Colorado will not supply enough water to carry out the contracts with the farmers. It is now hunting for new sources of water and we shall be lucky to get off with a $200,000,000 expense.

This underestimation of costs is typical. Figures supplied by the Izaak Walton League of America, which made a study, show that in 16 Reclamation Bureau projects the cost was underestimated by more than $443 millions.

President Truman, keenly aware of these matters, announced in his budget message early in January, the appointment of a Water Resources Policy Commission to study the whole problem and make recommendations in view of the pending legislation. "On the basis of these recommendations," the President said, "I think it will be possible to propose up-to-date and effective policies."

There may be a fight over the Natural Resources bills when they reach Congress. Not only have both agencies powerful lobbies, but because of the great amounts of money which their projects bring into the Western states, there is likely to be strong bipartisan opposition from western Senators and Representatives.

The bills, growing out of the Hoover Report, will recommend that the Corps of Engineers be stripped of its civil, river-development functions and that a new consolidated water development service be established to take them over. It would also assume the work of the Bureau of Reclamation and all other river-developing and power-marketing agencies except the T.V.A.

They also recommend the abolition of the Department of the Interior and the creation of a new Department of Natural Resources and of a Board of Coordination and Review, within the President's office, to pass on every major water-development project from the time it it proposed in order to do away with all duplicating activities.

This is a time when tensions in Congress will be severe and Congressmen will want advice and support from their constituents. Why not write your Senators and Congressmen and tell them how you feel about it?

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### HIGH FINANCE

**Wife, showing new hat to husband: "It didn't cost a thing. It was marked down from $20 to $10, so I bought it with the $10 I saved!"**

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**There's a simple way to keep up with the Joneses. Just slow down and in a few years you'll meet them coming back.—*Frances Benson.***

**Doctors tell you drinking is bad for you, but have you ever noticed—you see a lot more drunks than old doctors!**

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**She: "How do Gert and Sam get along since they are married?"**

**He: "Oh, she treats him like a Grecian god."**

**She: "How's that?"**

**He: "Burnt offerings three times a day."**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

There was a time when "Happy New Year" was a very empty phrase, except to those who were lucky enough to be Emperors.

In the days of the Roman Empire, for instance, it was a great source of joy (and profit) for the rulers only, and quite taxing to the citizens. The rulers set that day aside for receiving gifts, and it got to the point where a gift of nothing less than a pound of gold would satisfy a Caesar. The citizen who failed to ante up had about as much chance as a Russian who doesn't like Joe Stalin.

In those pound-of-gold days, it was the custom of the kindlier Caesars to throw a party for the folks who had been so generous, to sort of take the sting out of the extraction. Maybe that little bone gave the populace some reason for New Year gaiety.

We can trace our present-day methods of marking the New Year to earliest religious records, when people of all religions set the day aside for quiet meditation and for acknowledgment of each individual's need to better his acts of charity. Thus our earliest forefathers found cause for rejoicing and resolution in the passing of the old and the beginning of the new.

In the mid-1800's a Scottish historian named Robert Chambers said that people found that it was both more noble and more profitable, at New Year, to take a cheerful and reassuring view of our condition, and that of humanity in general—laying aside futile reflections on past imprudence and mismanagement, and resolving for the future to do our utmost in fulfilling our duty to God and our fellowmen. And in thousands of American churches voices still swell to the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson to:

"Ring out false price in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite,
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good."

Lord Tennyson wrote the verse a hundred years ago. Sounds like a wonderful resolution for 1951!

## Let's Talk Up Safety!

How many accidents could be avoided if their causes were discovered and reported in time? On the other hand, what percentage of accidents can be traced to individuals who noticed an accident hazard and then failed completely to report it?

There is no way of finding an answer to the latter question, because unfortunately few would admit their negligence, and by the same token an untold number have become victims of their own carelessness, and are no longer able to speak up.

Every worker in a mine owes it to himself and his fellow employees not to by-pass what might be the cause of an accident. Things like defective insulation on electrical wires, loose rails, or shaky timbers might appear insignificant at the time, but they could easily lead to big and serious accidents.

So let's report a hazard whenever we see one and keep plugging safety.

*Elliot Service*

# MEN AT WORK

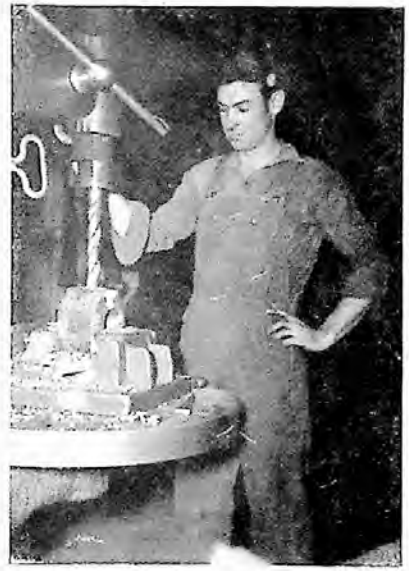
## APPRENTICE MECHANICS

Seven energetic young men are taking advantage of the Company's apprentice training program at the Midvale Plant to learn a trade, and another recently completed his training under the program.

Presently enrolled are: Ross D. Moon and William Mason, machinist apprentices; Blaine Jensen and Harold Elmer, carpenter apprentices; Dale Radovich, mason apprentice; Hyrum D. Bowen, pipefitter apprentice; and Max Greene, boilermaker apprentice. A recent graduate of the apprentice training program is Kenneth E. Tripp. Ken completed his apprenticeship as a boilermaker in April and carried on his training and I. C. S. studies to become a boilermaker layer out on December 1.

Under the watchful eyes of the master mechanic and mechanical department foremen, these men are training to become full fledged journeymen mechanics in their chosen fields.

The apprentice training program calls for a full four year apprenticeship. In special cases this time is reduced to 3 years where the apprentice has had considerable previous experience as a helper or allied training in his chosen trade. During the training period the apprentice is given an opportunity to



*That happy smile belongs to Hyrum Bowen, who is rapidly becoming an expert pipefitter as the result of his apprenticeship training. Hy started at the plant in May and began his apprenticeship in December of 1948. The mechanical drawing and shop work he did at Jordan High gave him a good background for mechanical work.*

*Ass't. Master Mechanic L. L. Shepherd explains a mechanical drafting problem to Max E. Greene, boilermaker apprentice. Max was employed at the plant in May, 1947, and became an apprentice in February, 1949.*

*Ross D. Moon, machinist apprentice at the big radial drill press in the machine shop, one of many machines he must master before he becomes a journeyman machinist. Ross has wanted to be a machinist since he took mechanical training in high school. This is his fourth year as an apprentice and he will complete his training early in 1951.*

*Dale E. Radovich, mason apprentice, tackles the job of cutting fire brick for a dross furnace door frame. He will complete his apprenticeship in February, 1951. Prior to starting his apprenticeship he worked at the Lead Plant for several months.*

# Apprentice Mechanics . . . .

*As part of his machinist training, William T. Mason machines D & L pallet ends on the shop planer. Bill started his apprenticeship on April 1, 1947, after working at the Oxide Mill for several months. He will become a journeyman in 1951.*

learn all phases of his trade insofar as it is possible at the Midvale Plant.

To supplement his on the job training, the apprentice is required to complete an International Correspondence School trade course. The course is designed for the trade in which he is an apprentice and includes: study in mathematics, mechanical drawing, trade subjects and blueprint reading. The course of study takes between two and three years to complete, depending upon the time and effort put forth by the apprentice to complete it. The apprentice signs up and pays for the course out of his monthly earnings. However, upon successful completion of his apprenticeship, he is reimbursed by the Company for the full cost of the course.

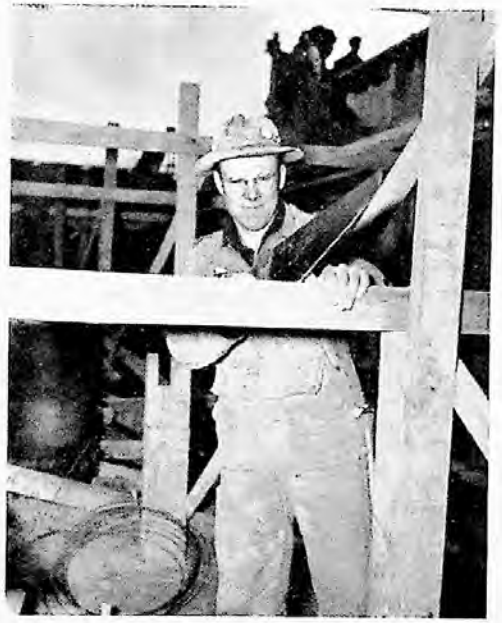
As part of his regular work, the apprentice spends 4 hours each week in the shop class room. This class room work is supervised by Assistant Master Mechanic L. L. Shepherd. During this time the apprentice is permitted to study his correspondence school subjects and receives assistance from the instructor in study problems and mechanical drawing.

These young men are enthusiastic about their work and are rapidly becoming proficient in their respective trades. Some will soon become journeymen, while others have considerable time to go to complete their training, but all consider the effort and study required is well worth their time and will pay off in the future.

Like many other employees who in past years have completed apprenticeship training at the plant, these men come from the ranks of regular employees. After fulfilling the prerequisite of making written application to the plant personnel supervisor for apprenticeship training, they were chosen on the basis of their qualifications and aptitude for mechanical work.

*Kenneth E. Tripp lays out structural steel supports at the Boiler Shop. Ken signed up for apprentice training after working as a boilermaker helper for 5 years. He completed his apprenticeship training in April of this year and his lay-out training on December 1.*

*Building forms for a concrete retaining wall is one of the many tricks of the carpenter trade that Harold Elmer is learning in his apprentice training. Harold worked on the surface and at the Flot Mill for several months before starting his 4 year carpenter apprenticeship in November, 1948.*



*Busy cutting off a scaffle brace is carpenter apprentice Blaine Jensen. Blaine had considerable carpenter experience working for a construction contractor before coming to work at Midvale. He expects to complete his apprenticeship early in 1952.*

# WHERE DID DEFENSE BILLIONS GO?

Taxpayers during the past four years shelled out a record $50 billion for military defense. Now, members of Congress, high ranking defense officials, and committee chairmen—somewhat belatedly—are trying to find out what this huge sum purchased. The answer will be found in a *U. S. News* and *World Report* printed several days ago in the *Congressional Record*. That report shows that two-thirds of all military spending has gone for services performed, not for weapons or supplies bought. It went for pay, travel, telephone bills, transportation, rents, pensions, and other similar items. They call it "military housekeeping."

Only $1 in $7 has been spent on arms of any kind in the past four years. Only $600 million was spent on weapons — less than the amount spent on military travel, half the cost of shipping military freight, and barely twice the amounts spent for rent and utilities at military installations.

No big artillery guns, rifles, machines or new naval guns have been purchased. New guns have been developed, but not bought. The report shows how our war strength in fighting divisions, ground and air forces, and all through the service have been decreased. If only 50 per cent of the defense outlays during the past four years had been spent for weapons and equipment we could have purchased new postwar equipment for 100 Army divisions —more than we used in World War II—plus 100 air groups—plus 50 big aircraft carriers, twice the number in use at the peak of the last war.

How did we get in this position? Some folks are running their hands over their brows and muttering that maybe we had too many small men rattling around in big places.

The Defense Department employed 2,495 workers and spent $8,465,000 in the fiscal year ended June 30 on publicity activities to acquaint the American taxpayer with what was being done for security.

Senator Bridges a few days ago charged that the President and Defense Secretary Johnson had misled the people by glowing statements which failed to give an accurate picture of the nation's unpreparedness. He accused the Administration of using Government funds "to buy votes instead of bullets." Referring to the huge amounts appropriated for defense, Senator Bridges said: "The fact is we were not prepared for a showdown in Korea or anywhere else. The Administration spent billions to buy surplus commodities to keep food prices high and provide other 'handouts'."

We have a few thousand boys from almost every State in the Union backed into the hills of a far-away land and committed to a battle which they must win if they are not to die. Our leaders sent them there. Whether the decision and the advice which led to that decision were bad, time alone will tell. We are in this thing up to our necks and we must see it through.

However, it has come as somewhat of a shock to learn that we are so shamefully weak when the test comes. If any doubt remained as to the need for the strictest possible economy in Government, the grim march of recent events must have removed it. This country is now committed to a policy—which has the approval of the leaders of both political parties — whose costs no one can estimate. In view of this, how can further waste and unnecessary domestic spending be countenanced?

*American Taxpayers Association.*



## New Doctor at Lark

Rapidly getting acquainted at Lark is Dr. Roger S. Kiger, his wife Margie and their three daughters. Dr. Kiger replaced Dr. Kulbom early in November and moved his family to Lark a few weeks later.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Kiger graduated from the Wake Forest Medical School, Raleigh, North Carolina. During 1946 and 1947 he served as a physician and surgeon in the U. S. Air Force Medical Corps. He practiced medicine in North Carolina in 1948 and 1949 and was recalled to the Air Force early this year. He came to Lark soon after his release from the service.

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## New Lark School

Lark youngsters and their parents are mighty interested in the building activity going on at the Lark school yard.

Construction was started late in October on a new modern school. So far only the foundation has been erected, but Davis and Butler, general contractors, hope to have the building ready for occupancy by the fall term next year.

The new edifice, long needed at Lark, will cost in the neighborhood of $300,000. Plans call for a combination auditorium, playroom and cafeteria, 7 large modern class rooms and other necessary facilities which will make it one of the finest grade school buildings in the state.

*Foundation for New Lark School.*

# MIDVALE PLANT

DON NYDEGGER - *Reporting*

## RETIRES

After 29 years of continuous service at the Midvale Plant, Zane J. Nelson joined the ranks of the retired employees on November 30.

Zane, known to his many friends and associates for his genuine and affable personality, has been a foreman at the Lead Plant since February, 1940. Zane, who has worked at the plant intermittently from the time it was built, remembers carrying water for construction workers when only a lad. He has worked steadily at the Lead Plant since September, 1921, handling practically every job in this department prior to becoming foreman.

While Zane states that he has given considerable thought to his future activities he hasn't decided as yet what he and Mrs. Nelson will do. Before deciding he intends to enjoy a winter of relaxing at home, after which he has a yen to see some more of the good old U.S.A. Being an amateur movie camera fan, when he does travel he hopes to bring home a record of his trip in color movies.

We join with Zane's many friends and associates in wishing him success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

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Cecil F. Hardcastle, a 28 year veteran at the plant and for many years Blast Furnaceman, has been promoted to Lead Plant foreman to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Nelson's retirement. Cecil's friends wish him success on his new job.

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The sun porch of James H. Powell's home at 551 Center Street in Midvale, is a riot of Christmas color. Twelve tall poinsettia plants with twenty-eight beautiful blooms, some as large as ten inches in diameter, literally fill the porch. The plants began blooming early in November and will last until spring.

Starting out six years ago with one plant, Jim states that his wife, Mary, has developed these beautiful plants from cuttings taken from the original plant.

Mrs. Powell is modest about her success with poinsettias, which she attributes more to her love of flowers than any technical knowledge of horticulture. But her friends agree she has a "green thumb."

Her recipe boils down essentially to this: Each spring she cuts off all the stock and foliage to within 4 inches of the top of the roots. After which she transplants the plants from pots to the garden flower bed. To start new plants she cuts slips 8 to 10 inches in length out of the stocks cut from the plants and plants them in the garden under bottles, much the same way as rose slips are started.

*Mr. and Mrs. James H. Powell and poinsettias.*

Out in the garden during the summer months, in soil enriched with well rotted manure, or commercial fertilizer, the plants grow new wood and foliage which often reaches 5 feet in height. In the fall the plants are transferred to pots and moved back to the sun porch. Usually within a month after they are brought in the beautiful blooms begin to appear.

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## ALL ABOARD FOR PASADENA

Rose Bowl bound is Clarence Anderson, railroad switchman at the Midvale Plant. He recently won the *Deseret News* Quarterback Club contest and as the result he and his wife, Cleora, will be guests of the newspaper at the famed gridiron classic.

Clarence attributes his successful football prognostications to his study of the nation's football teams, coupled with an ingenious system of playing his hunches. He maintains that one can't rely on the predictions of the "experts." He feels that it's more important to carefully watch the teams who might pull upsets.

Getting acquainted around the plant is Donald McOmie, who was employed in the Assay Office as a helper on December 4.

Don, a Navy veteran, is married and has a 2½-year-old son. He came to the Company from the Utah Power & Light Company ranks, where he was employed as an auxiliary engineer.

*Smeltingco* bids him welcome.

## SALT LAKE OFFICE

VIRGINIA MAGLEBY - *Reporting*

As we go to press, the old Christmas spirit is in evidence around the Salt Lake office. There's the usual hustle and bustle to get that last-minute shopping done during lunch hours and the annual Christmas party in the Accounting Department is getting a lot of publicity. But news about anything else is pretty scarce.

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We have heard that Frank and Mrs. Harris are journeying to Los Angeles to spend Christmas and New Year's with their son and daughter and families. Frank purposely put off his vacation until the end of the year to make this possible. The Harris' also plan to take in the Tournament of Roses parade and the Rose Bowl football game during their visit.

The stork visited the Learys on December 6 and Elaine, former Accounting Department clerk, is now the mother of a seven pound one ounce baby boy. It's a little early for a Christmas present, but Elaine says it's the best one she has ever had.

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It is a pleasure to see "Tex" Norwood back on the job after a lengthy sojourn in the hospital. Tex returned on November 28 and is looking better every day.

It's nice to see Espey Cannon back too, looking well again after his recent stay in the hospital.

Still off due to illness are Frank James and Margaret McKellar of the Accounting Department. We hope they will be well soon.

## PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

It's not "The Thing" but lately around the Midvale Plant the above picture, which belongs to Allen Dale Walker, has created considerable interest. The photo, which Dale obtained from his father, has a legend about it and is supposed to have a picture of Christ in it. Can you see him?



The Guy Wiltons have had duck for dinner regularly again this season due to Guy's sharp shooting and membership in a club that really has plenty of ducks boarding and rooming on its premises about 13 miles west of the airport.

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*Smeltingco* wishes to welcome Max E. Dittman, who joined the Exploration and Geology Department as a draftsman November 22. Max is a local Salt Lake lad and attended the University of Utah where he studied civil engineering. Before coming with us Max worked a few months with Standard Oil at Boise, Idaho, and prior thereto was with the California Division of Mines as a geologist and draftsman. He is married and has two young daughters.

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A safety engineer asked a group this question: "What steps should be taken if you find your basement full of gas fumes?"

An answer came from the back of the room, "The basement steps — two at a time."

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Charlie Hoffman and Mrs. Hoffman will leave for Chicago December 16 to be present at the wedding of their son, Keith. We asked Chas. why he wanted to go so far away and he told us his daughter was married in Korea, and since he only has one son left, he wanted to be present at his wedding. We'll miss you, Charlie, at the Christmas party.

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Cyril Heiss' son John left the last week in November to serve an L. D. S. Mission in Germany. Cyril has relatives living there and John will have an opportunity to meet them as he will be stationed in the vicinity of their homes.

John finished his schooling in June, graduating from the U. C. at Berkeley with a major in music. He is looking forward to spending three years in a land that has always been recognized for its wonderful music.

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Jones: "How do you spend your income?"

Smith: "30% for shelter, 30% for clothing, 40% for food, and 20% for amusement."

Jones: "But that adds up to 120%."

Smith: "Brother, and don't I know it!"

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Tom Billings, who has been enjoying the land of sunshine (California), came back to Salt Lake to spend Christmas with family and friends. It's good to see you again, Tom.

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Census Taker: "Belong to the Communist party or any other parties which plan to overthrow the government?"

Bright Girl: "Yes, the whole family belongs to one."

Amazed Census Taker: "Which one?"

Bright Girl: "The Republican party, of course!"

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Lyda and Mac McCormick have a new Rocket 88 Oldsmobile sedan. They purchased it just before Thanksgiving.

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"What does the Chaplain of Congress do?"

"He just gets up on the platform, takes a look at the senators and representatives, and prays for the country."

"ISN'T INSURANCE WONDERFUL! YOU'RE EARNING MONEY DOING NOTHING."

# U. S. SECTION

ROSS BECKSTEAD - *Reporting*

### *Stork Statistics*

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cordova, daughter, born November 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gonzales, daughter, born December 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Johnson, son, born November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vigil, son, born October 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Torres, son, born November 29.

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Floyd Martin is back to work at his old job as powderman at U. S. Section, after an extended illness. We all want to take this opportunity to welcome him back and wish him the best of luck.

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A well known Assistant Mine Foreman suddenly developed a lame back ostensibly from carrying too big a load — of what he didn't say.

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**The amateur golfer stepped up to the tee and looked towards the hole some 250 yards distant. He turned to the caddy and said, "That's good for a drive and one putt."**

**With a vicious swing, he topped the ball, which rolled 2 feet from the tee.**

**The caddy immediately stepped up, handed him a putter, and said, "Now for one helluva putt."**

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Friends and fellow workers of Richard Jorgensen were sorry to learn of the death of Dick's mother on November 21, 1950.

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Fellow workers of Al Lipsey were sorry to hear of the death of Al's father, who passed away recently.

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Jack Ehrhorn and his wife just returned from vacationing in California. Jack reports he had a nice time and experienced all kinds of weather while there — the sun even came out for a little while.

Several employees have sons in the Armed Services, but few may tell of daughters serving. Al Lipsey, fireman at the U. S. Section, tells us that his daughter, Emily Joy Lipsey, joined the WACS in July of this year, and left Salt Lake on July 5, arriving in Fort Lee, Virginia, on the 9th where she took her basic training. She is now stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey, where she is taking a clerical-typist course. In the recent snowstorms, Joy writes her family that several powerlines were downed, consequently the whole camp was without electricity. It took off roofs, and barracks that still had roofs were minus shingles, so they spent the entire time mopping up water. The following night Joy and her girl friend stood guard outside from nine to eleven in the cold. One consolation, it wasn't much warmer inside because the barracks are heated by electricity.

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**Boy: "Do you enjoy Kipling?"**
**Girl: "I don't know — how do you kipple?"**



# HIAWATHA

JAMES CATTERALL - *Reporting*

*Smeltingco* welcomes Miss Lois Larsen, who was employed as clerk-typist in the King Mine office Nov. 20. Lois is graduate of Carbon High and Carbon Junior College, and worked for the First National Bank at Price prior to joining the U. S. Fuel office staff.

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**Biography of a four-time widow: She first married a millionaire, then an actor, then a preacher, then an undertaker. One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, four to go.**

Dan Garber, Sr., Preparation Plant Foreman, is pretty proud of his new Buick Super sedan.

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**"How did you cure your wife of her antique craze?"**

**"Oh, I just gave her a 1923 model automobile for her birthday."**

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**"What do you think of a man who constantly deceives his wife?"**

**"I think he's a genius!"**

## New Minister

Hiawatha Community church is fortunate to have as its new pastor, Charles R. Olsen. Reverend Olsen, his wife Lorraine and son David, moved to Hiawatha in September of this year, at which time he assumed the direction of church activities in the Community church.

Reverend Olsen attended the Simpson Bible Institute in Seattle and received his Bachelor of Religious Education degree from the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, New York, in 1947. Prior to coming to Hiawatha he was successively pastor of the Christian and Missionary church of Brentwood, Missouri; student pastor of the Christian Congregational Church of Clove, New York, and Youth of Christ director at Oceanside, California.

In addition to his church duties, Reverend Olsen is employed by the U. S. Fuel Company on outside construction work.

*Hiawatha's American Legion Auxiliary members. Left to right: Mrs. Harold Gates, Mrs. Joe Parmley, Mrs. Byron Burmester, Mrs. Dan Garber, Sr., Mrs. Alexander Beveridge, Miss Lucile Frandsen, Mrs. Chester Reese, Mrs. Bill Yates, Mrs. Fred Crogan, Mrs. Roy Davis, Mrs. Alice Crombie, and Mrs. Joe Baldwin.*

One of Hiawatha's active women's organizations is the Hiawatha Post, American Legion Auxiliary. This energetic group takes a prominent part in civic and Legion affairs in Hiawatha and Carbon County. This year's officers are: President: Thelma Baldwin; first vice president, Lucille Frandsen; second vice president, Vivian Yates; chaplain, Ruth Davis; historian, Edna Ramey; secretary, Alice Crombie; sergeant-at-arms, Carol Crogan.

## NEW IDEAS

*Automobiles:* Though your car may have lost its new look, the "new smell" may be restored with a product known as "New Car Odor." Sounds silly, but people are buying it. R. M. Hollingshead Corporation, Camden, N. J.—*Forbes.*

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*Ever Get Stuck?* Automotive vehicles will be less likely to get stuck in mud and snow as a result of Army research. Army Ordnance has developed a new type differential which will prevent one wheel from spinning while the other stands immobile.—*U. P.*

*Child Care:* Electronic Babylight, placed near baby's crib, playpen, or carriage, picks up cries or too loud gurgles, transmits them into impulses that turn off or on a conventional lamp. Designed to benefit preoccupied, busy, or hard-of-hearing parents. — *General Electric News Letter.*

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**Women need never expect to be men's equal until they can sport a bald spot on top of their heads and still think they're handsome.**

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**You don't get ulcers from what you eat. You get them from what's eating you.**



# The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas cannot be celebrated in a single day. No, we must begin long before December 25, so that when it comes we shall not be found wondering, "Why don't I have the spirit of Christmas in my heart?"

So often the deep and shining meaning of Christmas gets smothered under a multitude of things-to-be-done; of frantic and irritated haste, like a long line of automobiles, headed homeward on a hot summer Sunday afternoon, with radiators and tempers boiling over. But those who begin their celebration of Christmas far ahead come to it with peace and quiet; with joy in their hearts. Their feet may have moved swiftly in the days of preparation, but it was the swiftness of those who know what they are doing, and where they are going; who speed forward with a clear and simple purpose.

Take time to see, in your hearts, what Christmas means. Stop and meditate, so that you may grasp why the whole world is aware of one Person's birthday.

Dr. Horner of Providence tells us the story of a father and son during World War II. They were walking down a village street, looking at the stars in the windows of the homes from which men had gone to serve their country. There was a star in the window of almost every home. The boy was impressed as his father told him of the meaning of the stars, each one representing a son given from the home. As they walked along in the deepening twilight, Venus, the evening star, shone in the west and glowed all alone in the evening sky. It was so bright that when the boy looked up, it held his attention. Suddenly he turned to his father and said, "There's a star in God's window, too, isn't there, Daddy? Did God give his son?" Yes, God gave his son, because he loved the world—that the world might see, in Jesus Christ, the face of Almighty God!

And *that*, my friend, is the meaning of Christmas! That is the holy fact that lies back of all the Christmas festivities, all the happy gatherings of families, all the hosts of people kneeling at prayer and sacrament. God gave his son to us, that we might see him face to face. Let the holy fact sink deep into your heart, that it may glow there, and light all your Christmas preparing. Go about your Christmas tasks, joyous just because God gave his son who wonderfully lives on in our hearts. Have the grace to be thankful that God still hangs a star in the window of the night.

*Editor's Note:* The above article was written by Reverend Nicholas of the Price Mission Episcopal Church and was submitted to *Smeltingco* by James Catterall.

Hail to the holidays! To the excitement — the rush and bustle — the anticipation — the lights and trees and favorite carols! May your Christmas and New Year be the best ever — full of fun!

Hospitality is the byword during the Christmas season. We have collected a few ideas and recipes to help you with your holiday parties. Why not try an egg nog party as a way to hold a reunion with many friends, or an open house on New Year's. Or perhaps you just prefer the neighborliness of saying "Drop in to see our tree." However you like best to observe the holiday season, we think you'll find the ideas and recipes below from Mary Alden's kitchen, via Quaker Quotes, a great help:

## Come Taste Our Egg Nog!

Who makes the best Egg Nog? This process is highly personal and can lead to some lengthy discussions! Certainly the ritual of making it calls for a party. If you have never made this Yule treat, start with a cook book recipe, then give it your special touch.

What to serve? The Egg Nog will, of course, be the feature attraction, so center it in a big punch bowl. Fruit Cake is traditional and Miniature Fruit Cakes are a new way of serving this delicacy. The cakes may be baked in advance.

Top the Miniature Fruit Cakes with a Creamy Hard Sauce just before serving. This should be softer than a regular hard sauce and for it we suggest beating together 2 cups of confectioner's sugar, 3 tablespoons top milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

The fragile texture and delicate flavor of the Angel Wings cookie is a perfect complement to the rich Egg Nog. (You'll find the almonds for the top of the cookies easiest to sliver just after blanching them:) Spiced Nuts which you can make are fine for nibbling. And with these simple preparations, let the party proceed!

Egg Nog
Miniature Fruit Cakes  Angel Wings
Spiced Nuts

### MINIATURE FRUIT CAKES

2 cups brown sugar
2 cups hot water
¼ cup shortening
1 cup raisins
[illegible]s sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup chopped candied cherries
1 cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped nutmeats
1 cup Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)

1. Combine brown sugar, hot water, shortening and raisins in a saucepan; bring to boil. Cook 5 minutes. Cool.
2. Sift together flour, soda, salt and spices into bowl. Add chopped fruits, nutmeats and rolled oats.
3. Add brown sugar mixture, mixing thoroughly.
4. Fill greased custard cups ⅔ full.
5. Bake in a slow oven (325° F.) about 1 hour. Cool 10 minutes and remove from custard cups. Serve warm or cold with hard sauce. Makes 10 servings.

### ANGEL WINGS

½ cup sifted enriched flour
⅔ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup shortening, soft
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract (optional)
1 cup Quick Quaker or Mother's Oats, uncooked
Slivered Almonds

1. Sift together flour, sugar, and salt into bowl. Add shortening, eggs and flavorings. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes.
2. Fold in rolled oats.
3. Drop from a teaspoon onto ungreased baking sheet, allowing about 2 inches between cookies. Flatten with a knife dipped in cold water. Decorate with slivered almonds.
4. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are golden brown around the edges. Remove from baking sheet immediately. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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## Ring Out the Old . . .
## Ring In the New!

The latch string is out—and what better way to toast the New Year than with Open House at your address! Entertainment plans will depend on whether you choose New Year's Eve or the first day of the New Year for your party. But the food may be the same — festive and picture-pretty, yet simple to prepare. As a menu we suggest:

Fig Bread Sandwiches
Cheese Crisps  Olives, Pickles
Mint Snowballs  Candied Fruits
Nuts  Coffee

These are all finger foods for easy party service. Mint Snowballs are the eye-catching cookies on the big platter. This is a melt-in-your-mouth cookie that is dipped in mint frosting and rolled in coconut.

Fig Bread is a party treat at any season with its delicate flavor of figs and nuts. Bake the bread a day ahead for better flavor and easier icing. Simple cream cheese or butter fillings will taste the best in the sandwiches.

For something to nibble we suggest Cheese Crisps. Crunchy with corn meal, they are a good contrast to the many holiday sweets. We cut them into stars and trees, but you may also twist and turn strips and triangles of the dough to most any shape.

All of these foods can be prepared well in advance so you'll be fresh and ready when your first guests arrive.

### FIG BREAD

1 egg
½ cup brown sugar
1 cup milk
1 cup sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup chopped figs
½ cup chopped nutmeats
2 tablespoons melted shortening

1. Beat egg until light; add sugar gradually, beating until fluffy. Pour in milk.
2. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt; add all at once to egg mixture.
3. Add rolled oats, figs and nutmeats, stirring only enough to combine. Fold in melted shortening.
4. Bake in greased paper-lined loaf pan (1 lb. size) in moderate oven (350° F.) 50 minutes to one hour. Store in bread box one day before slicing.

### CHEESE CRISPS

½ cup Quaker Enriched Corn Meal
1 cup sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon salt
⅓ cup shortening
½ cup grated cheese
¼ cup milk

1. Sift together corn meal, flour and salt.
2. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in grated cheese.
3. Add milk; stir lightly until ingredients are dampened.
4. Knead gently a few seconds on lightly floured board. Roll out to ⅛-inch thickness. Cut into Christmas shapes.
5. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 12 to 15 minutes or until delicately brown. Makes 3 dozen crisps.

### MINT SNOWBALLS

COOKIES

1 cup butter or margarine
½ cup confectioner's sugar
2 teaspoons water
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 cup Quick Quaker or Mother's Oats, uncooked

FROSTING

2 cups confectioner's sugar
¼ cup milk
½ teaspoon mint extract
Green food color
Shredded coconut

1. Cream butter; add sugar gradually and cream until fluffy. Add water.
2. Sift together flour and salt; add to creamed mixture, mixing thoroughly.
3. Blend in rolled oats. (Dough will be quite stiff.)
4. Shape dough in hands to make balls. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in a slow oven (325° F.) 25 to 30 minutes.
5. Remove from baking sheet; cool. Makes 3 dozen cookies.
6. For the frosting, thoroughly blend together sugar, milk and mint extract. Add a few drops of green food color to tint the frosting.
7. Using two forks or a pair of tongs, dip cooled cookies into frosting, then in coconut. Drain on wire rack.

TO MAKE COOKIE CANES

Shape dough to form canes. Bake as above. Dip in white frosting and drain. Decorate with red stripes or personalize with names written in frosting.

## "ANY HOME TOWN, U. S. A."

*Where else but in America can you see such a scene during the Christmas season?*